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 Cincinnati, Oct. 4th, 1853.

Having received recent information from Zanesville of the dissolution of the Section at that place, and deeming it necessary that the Sessions of the Grand Section should be held in places where there are Subordinate Sections, now therefore I, Geo. A. Wheeler, G. W. P. of the State of Ohio, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Order, do hereby proclaim and order, that the Annual Session of the Grand Section be held in the city of Cincinnati, beginning the second Tuesday in November next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

In order to enable the G. W. S. to make a full and correct report to the Grand Section, Subordinate Sections will please be particular and prompt in sending in their returns for the past quarter.

GEO. A. WHEELER, G. W. P.
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To the Polls!! To the Polls!!!

Before our next issue, it will be determined by the voters of Ohio, whether the liquor traffic shall remain for two years longer, undisturbed, or whether steps shall be in progress to bring this iniquity to a close. We have no fears for the result, next Tuesday, if every freeman votes his honest sentiments unawed and uninfluenced by party. Friends of Prohibition, go early to the polls, vote and plead with your neighbors to give their suffrage to Prohibitory Law men.

Mass Meeting.

A Mass Meeting of the friends of Prohibition, will be held at Foster Hall, to-morrow, (Saturday,) at 10 o'clock, A. M. This is an important meeting, and as it is to be the last meeting before election day, we hope it will be a "rouser."

We request all our friends to forward us immediately after the election, the result in their county. One more issue completes our campaign paper, and we desire to give as much information in relation to the result as possible.

A Fair Admission.

The editor of the *Times* admits that the temperance ticket is the second best, in point of strength now in the field—the Democrats, of course being the first. We beg leave to differ from this opinion—it is just the reverse, and election day will prove it. But, considering the source, this is a very fair admission. An honest confession is said to be good for the soul; and we hope the old gentleman of the *Times* will enjoy it to the fullest extent!

I am thy father's spirit, as the whisky-bottle said when the boy found it in the wood-pile.

Editorial Correspondence.

Dear Readers:—This week I have spoken to large audiences in Morrow, Huron, Richland and Muskingum counties. The friends of prohibition are wide awake, and if they are not successful it will be for the want of concerted effort, and because of devotion to party. In Morrow, the Democratic candidate for the House is a liquor-seller, and a good customer at his own bar. His nomination, I learn, was not accidental, but deliberately designed: the Whig opponent is a thorough Maine Law man. The senatorial district composed of Morrow and Knox, is being canvassed on the liquor question, by the candidates. The Prohibitory Law man is Mr. Vance, of Mt. Vernon, who consented to run only that he might aid (if elected) in putting upon the statute book, a stringent prohibitory law. His political proclivities are to the Free Soil party, but the Whigs and independent Democrats will give him a hearty support. There are strong hopes of his success. In old Muskingum county all the candidates on the Whig ticket are Prohibitory Law men, and the Democratic candidates are as decidedly opposed. They hope to draw off enough whisky Whigs to elect their ticket, but it is believed that there are as many Democrats who will be as true to their temperance principles, as there are Whigs who will eschew their party and go over to the liquor candidates.

My labors are exceedingly arduous, speaking twice each day, and when not thus engaged, travelling from point to point.

Of one thing I am satisfied,—viz: if we fail at this election, the political parties will regret the failure as much as we, before two years shall have passed. None need to flatter themselves that the friends of prohibition will give up in despair, if defeated now. The question will be involved in every election to the end of time, unless it shall be previously settled that distilleries and grog-shops must be closed.

This week I hope to visit Delaware, Columbus, Cleveland, etc., etc.

In haste, Editor.

Religion and Temperance.

There are but few who are so depraved, and so lost to the world and their God, that they will deny the utility of religion in this world. Whether they are practical professors or not, whether they are believers or not, they are all constrained to acknowledge that religion has done more towards harmonizing the affairs of this world, and elevating the standard of mankind in mind and morals, than any other institution that has ever existed. And when all sects and denominations unite on one great platform in encouraging an enterprise, we are very apt to conclude that it will be for the good of all. They have all united in recommending a prohibitory law, and are passing resolutions at their synods constantly urging upon the community the necessity of passing this law. Then why will we hang back and hesitate about this matter, when we have such conclusive evidence and unimpeachable advocates in favor of a law of Prohibition?

A Grave Charge and an Iniquitous Lie.

The *Ohio Statesman*, the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, and other papers of that stripe, have lately published an article charging the leaders of the Maine Law movement in Ohio, with playing into the hands of the Whigs—in other words, that every thing that has been said and done in Ohio, by all the friends of this measure, was only done in order to defeat the Democratic party, and give the Whigs the ascendancy! This is a monstrous charge! It is almost useless for us to deny it, for every sensible man, who reads his county paper, will know that it is a base slander—a genuine whisky lie, made out of the "whole cloth" in the *Ohio Statesman* office. Oh, Mr. Cox, how art thou fallen! But in order to disabuse the minds of those who do not understand the question, we will state that it never was the intention of temperance men to run an independent ticket in any county. They were advised and instructed to demand the fulfilment of their wishes from the dominant party in each county, whether Whig or Democratic. In case of a refusal, they were to seek the other party; and if neither would comply, then to run an independent ticket. This was the advice of our State Convention, and it has been faithfully followed.

We believe we would be safe in saying that there are now more regular Democratic tickets pledged to the support of the Maine Law, than there are Whigs. Almost every prominent leader of our forces is a Democrat! Three of the five members composing the State Executive Committee are Democrats; and this Committee have had a most powerful influence in bringing our cause up to its present high and flourishing condition. Our State Agent, A. A. STEWART, Esq., is now and always has been, a warm decided Democrat. This no man will deny who knows Mr. S. And, strange as it may appear, in the face of this grave charge, this gentleman, in his capacity of State Agent, has had more to do with the movements in Ohio, than any other man in the State. He made it his business to visit every county in the State, during the last two or three months, to collect funds, give advice, and make arrangements for the campaign!

In Hamilton county, the head and front, the great stronghold of the Democratic party in Ohio, and right in the face of the great Mogul, the guardian angel of the party in this latitude—the *Cincinnati Enquirer*—the Temperance Executive Committee is composed of ten Whigs and Free Soilers, and TWENTY EIGHT DEMOCRATS! And this committee have had the sole and entire management of the temperance movement in this county.

We would ask the editor of the *Statesman* (the *Enquirer* is to contemptible to notice in this connection) and every Democratic voter in the State, in all candor, if this looks any thing like playing into the hands of the Whig party to defeat the Democrats? We think it is any thing else. We know that the Democrats have always had the preference because they was

the dominant party in the State. Because the editor of the *Statesman* is opposed now to a prohibitory law, that is no reason why all other Democrats should occupy the same position. If he thinks opposition to a prohibitory law will seriously affect his party, if he is true to the party, why don't he advocate it? Is he willing to sacrifice the Democratic party in order to defeat the temperance men, and perpetuate the whisky interest. All these wily tricks of the enemy are just what we expected; and we again warn our friends to be on the look out for frauds. The temperance question has nothing to do with the Whig or Democratic parties; it is a question independent of either, and of more paramount importance to the welfare of the State, and the prosperity of her citizens than all the parties in Christendom. The temperance men of Ohio are fighting for a sacred principle, and in the contest they have resolved to lay aside all party predilections. The question stands upon its own merits—and upon its merits alone, it must be victorious or fall back just where it was before the campaign began. In conclusion we will say, that if the temperance men desire success by aiding or hitching on to one of the political parties, the Democratic party would have been selected, because in Ohio it is always crowned with victory.

Again we entreat our friends in the State, to stand firm upon their resolves, and to vote their sentiments without regard to party. Let not the statements of the *Statesman* or other whisky advocating sheets, deter you from discharging your whole duty in the coming contest. Vote early, and stand by the polls to see that all goes on right, and do not leave until victory perches upon our banners!

Marvellous.

It is reported (but how true it is we do not know) that an old whisky toper, creeping on his hands and knees amid some underbrush down in Texas, was bitten on the end of the nose by a hideous rattlesnake. Of course the old cock expected his days were numbered; but he determined to settle the hash with his foe on the spot. Accordingly he procured a weapon and was about to administer death unto his adversary, when, to his astonishment, he discovered that the serpent had keeled over dead, by the effects of the concentrated poison he had extracted from the red proboscis, which had tempted him to taste. The old man was no more affected by the bite than would be a piece of sponge saturated with water. What a glorious thing is whisky. It is even assisting mankind to carry out the prophecy of old, where the Lord, in pronouncing his curse upon the serpent, said unto the serpent, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed, and it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." B.

We understand that one of the local Editors of the "Nonpareil" called upon John R. Williams, night before last, and signed his name to his temperance pledge. Good. We hope he may stick to it.